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Committee Suggests Improvements for MBA

An event took place recently which, though completely unheralded, will undoubtedly prove to have a lasting impact on our beloved school. This momentous event was a meeting of The Committee for the Consideration and Advancement of Improvements and Upliftment In and About the Campus, Buildings, and Environs of Montgomery Bell Academy Preparatory School. As a result of this meeting, T. C. F. T. C. A. A. O. I. A. U. A. A. T. C. R. A. E. O. M. B. A. P. S. submit this epoch-making report.

Deans at M.B.A. should be completely replaced by comfortable courses suitable for either sitting up or reclining. These courses would be equipped with a magazine rack, refreshment bar, and a light which may be turned off or on at will by the student. Since it is widely recognized that sleep is a requisite for good health, teachers should have the courtesy of not disturbing sleeping students.

Furthermore each coach would have an individual bell for the student to mark the end of the period. This would eliminate the troublesome and perhaps indecent system of having a continuity bell for one and all. This individual device would not necessarily be a bell, but anything that the student might desire, such as a popular record, cinema, a radio program, or loud hand music.

The rather dark and obscure picture hanging on the back wall of the stage should be replaced with a large, life size, full size color picture of Marilyn Monroe in a bathing suit. This, the committee feels, would immeasurably improve the spirit and morale of

the student body, especially on Monday mornings.

The committee likewise recommends that similar large life-size pictures of the faculty and headmaster be hung at various places inside the buildings. With each picture would be provided a suitable set of darts.

A new menu should be set up in the lunchroom which would include: sirloin, steak, country ham, or roast beef, plus biscuits and gravy, salad, and choice of eight vegetables, drink, and dessert. The cost of this dinner is recommended at fifteen cents.

Waltresses from neighboring schools and selected by the boys themselves would serve this dinner. In addition to their duties as waitresses, the girls would be responsible for keeping the boys cheerful and happy.

Realizing that growing boys can become frustrated if their wishes are not carried out (all good psychologists readily endorse this theory) holidays should be selected by a voice vote of the student body, and a verdict for a vote could be made on any given day.

We, The Committee for the Consideration and Advancement of Improvements and Upliftment In and About the Campus, Buildings, and Environs of Montgomery Bell Academy Preparatory School, hope that the preceding specific recommendations will be heartily backed by the student body and that any further suggestions occurring to any fellow student will be passed on to a member of this noble, intelligent, sincere, conscientious, and hard-working committee.

Algeron Griffey
(Committee Secretary and Historian)

M.B.A. Freedom Forum Continues At Nashville Schools

The M.B.A. Freedom Forum, composed of John Hardcastle, John Shorn, Duncan Caldwell, Jimmy Dale, and Bob Lightfoot, continued their talks at Nashville high schools. These schools were Hargrath Hall, Linton, and East High.

Key Club Paints Lunchroom

Early in January the Key Club, as one of its projects, undertook the painting of the lunchroom. This was done to help the Maroon Club. Some of the painters were Sorrell Brandau, Eddie Lockenhouse, Palmer Temple, Bobby Linberger, John Hardcastle, Stanley Duncan, Woff Crockett and Jimmy Dale. We think that this will help to improve the Maroon Club.

M.B.A. Welcomes Mr. Norman

M.B.A. is proud to announce the addition of Mr. Charles Norman who is taking the position in the English Department left vacant by Mr. Beck. Mr. Norman, originally from Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, makes his home in Cookeville. He attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute where he received his B.S. and Peabody Teacher's College where he received his Master's. This is Mr. Norman's first teaching job and he has made an excellent beginning.

Mr. Brook Retires

M.B.A. boys regretfully announce a departure from the faculty of M.B.A. Mr. Brook taught freshmen and sophomore English. As a friend of all the boys here at school, he tried to help the boys in every way possible. He came here from Drexel School which closed last year and was forced to retire because of an illness. He will long be remembered by all the boys at M.B.A. for his sound advice and helpfulness. He is a member of Westminster Church and talks with some of his old students quite often. M.B.A. boys invite him to come on his first chance. —Hayes Cooney.

The student body wishes to extend its sympathy to Mrs. Sims in the loss of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Brown of Shreveport, La.

Will Someone Please Tell Me

(By the ones who don't know)

1. What was the outcome of the McDougal vs. Overton brawl?
2. How Bath makes a hook-shot from midcourt?
3. Why Debon was hailed down by a cop at the front gate a few weeks ago?
4. Why Hardcastle made an "introductory statement" while the panel was visiting one of our flower girls' schools?
5. Who was pecking in the window at Hargrath Hall?
6. When Weenae and Sutton will square off to settle their differences?
7. Who Whaley knows in Smyrna?

Allen Meadows

"Lest We Forget"

What are you getting out of your schoolwork? You should see more than just a grade because we are now making our future selves. It is likely that in the routine of each day's work, we forget just why we are attending classes. In filling out applications for colleges and the N.R.O.T.C., some of the seniors have foreseen this preparation for later life. If the underclassmen don't see it now, they soon will. If we put in a little extra time on each of our studies now and improve our grades, it might be invaluable to us in the business world.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we should try to get the most out of our schooling now so that we shall find ourselves better prepared to take on the loads of business life.

Alumnus Wounded in Korea

The members of the student body, who knew Jimmy Atkinson, were sorry to hear that he was wounded in the leg Sunday, the 12th of January. He was taken on a hospital ship at Inchon, Korea and later moved to another ship which took him to Yokohama, Japan where he is now. He is expected to be moved to the states soon.

While attending M.B.A. Jimmy was elected president of his freshman, sophomore and junior classes. In addition to being captain of the football team, he was selected as blocking back on the All-Nashville team of 1945.

Our sympathy goes to his family and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Expensive Ad Lib Of The Week

After his season, Chico Vejlar, paid \$250 for 13 unanswered traffic tickets, his manager, TV announcer Steve Ellis, turned to the New York City magistrate. "By the way," he said, "I might have a couple of tickets outstanding myself." The magistrate found 22, Fred Ellis \$1,000.

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CLASS NEWS

Grade School News

The Microbe basketball team played the Woodmont basketball team on their home court. The Microbes were leading at the first quarter and the score was tied at the half, but in the final half Woodmont pulled away to win by a score of 36 to 28. Clay Hudleston and Tony Brush were the highest scorers with 8 points each.

The boys on the privilege list for the three weeks before Christmas holidays were Josh Taylor, Wade Elam, George Sloan, Carl Hoffer, Bill Lightfoot, Laird Smith, Tony Brush and Emmett Dozier in the eighth grade and Tony Edmonds, David Waller, Robert White and Roger Peek in the seventh grade.

Ben McDermott brought 4 fish to school, a bullfish and 3 goldfish.

The Microbes played Parmer in the last game of the season. Parmer won 28 to 18. George Sloan scored 8 points and Tony Brush scored 5 points.

M.B.A. held its football banquet Monday, January 12, 1953. 22 Microbes received letters and enjoyed a fine dinner.

The boys on the privilege list for this six weeks are Josh Taylor, Tony Brush, Laird Smith, Wade Elam, George Sloan, Bill Lightfoot, Carl Hoffer, and Emmett Dozier in the eighth grade and Roger Peek, Went Caldwell, Robert White, David Waller and Tony Edmonds in the seventh grade.

Emmett Dozier
Tony Edmonds

Freshmen News

Congratulations to the junior varsity basketball team for their fine showing against T.I.S. A few of the freshman stars were Phil Williams, Henry Hurt, Tom Frist, Gray Smith, Mack Rolfe and Bill Herbert.

Sabu, the elephant keeper, Pyle has been seen driving to school in his re-painted jeep. Sly-looking bumper with the inscription "Bonzo" was also noted.

Teen-Town or "Maroon Club" has recently added a few new games to attract some more people. A genuine "regulation size" pool table was one of the things. Also there was shuffle board and ping-pong. I am sure everyone has been having a great time at Teen-Town.

Exams were recently finished and I am sure we are all glad they are over. A few that burnt the midnight oil were Quimby Seawell, Dickie Martin, Buddy Rackard, Dick Sager, Jim Rule, Jim Perry, Dick Sullivan, Kim Kimbrough, Phil Boyd, and Tom Brown.

Speaking of Teen-Town, some of the people seen enjoying themselves were Noel Clark, Kenneth Cline, Harry Lawson, Guy Travis, Frank Burkholder, John Sutton, John Leu, Tony Woolwine, and Ernest Pfeiffer.

Jimmy Kellam

Sophomore News

Warren Davis is seen whistling around town. A parade of cars was seen flashing through Har-

peth Halls during exam week... cop seen patrolling streets near by... If anything happens during last part of lunch period, Blank convicted guilty or not... the new look for '53, crew cut... The Maroon Club, alias Teen Town, has started a campaign... Let's keep it alive and going... Sam Hunt has great deal of trouble getting seated in assembly, wonder why?... The sophomore class extends heartiest greetings to Mr. Norman who has taken over English I and II on account of Mr. Brock's illness... Cummins doesn't like the desks in study hall. He's tried every one for Mr. Younger... Pete Thompson gets moved up to varsity basketball. Scores 2 points first game; 4 points second game... Livy gets arrested; flying without license... The sophomore class has two poets - Cummins and Butler... A flu epidemic has taken over the high school. Few teachers absent, school hopes for a holiday... Goons Cooney seen on the loose again... Strange red lights seen streaking over city... Don't be alarmed it's only Livy taking Chuck for a ride. Porter didn't like referees at Tuesday night's game... Referees found Wednesday morning severely chewed by pack of wild bulldogs... Bloop seen taking ballet lessons at Arthur Murray's... Don't forget your 50 cents L.A.P. club membership cards.

John Dobson

Junior News

Linky
Dave
Yardstick
Hannah
Trashy Bob
Ripum
Hopalong
"Boob"
"Smoothy"
Frankenstein
Gaylord
Toots
Dirty
Cap
Debra
Sott
"Lipscomb"
Whale
Whistling Steve
Niger
(little Al
Capone)
Buffalo
Mama
Pumper
Scaley
Cowboy Sloan
Hard
Bruno

Exams are over and some just did not make it. Linky Dick Anderson seen around campus bragging about Spanish grade. Gaylord McIntosh has now taken up barbells. U. S. weight lifter beware of new Olympic threat. The Wasp has been hiding out lately, it seems as though this 39 green Dodge's license number has become standard equipment in all police cars. Boob Bainbridge is one of the luckiest boys in town, he has been sporting his new Mercury around everywhere. Joe Hart has just gotten married. Bob Scales, his best man. Question of the Week: Is Bruno Paget a rela-

tive of Debra Paget? They look so much alike. Local tea club seen at "The Lake" watching the schooners come in. Martin shoved to back of bus. Edgar Allen Paget terrifies English class with theme.

Senior News

Second semester begins. Roberts chews through leash and appears for classes. Burk sees loss of business as Bennett wrecks another. Mrs. Thorpe complains of hairless object in her living room only to discover on closer examination that it's her son. Crockett's monthly allowance doubled by parents to 13 cents. English IV class average soars to 42 as Mrs. Bitzer gives crip exam. Many seniors plan trips to Florida after second semester. Chaffin lists Ann Green as definite passenger. Senior superlatives voted on by student body. Roberts cops quietest. Goar voted sweetest. Bright voted most likely to succeed Nick and Bill. Dickerson signs up for barbells. Dickerson hung on wall by near-sighted barbell teacher. "Kayo" Thomas pulverizes Joe Louis in street brawl.

Local teeth-jerkers meet to cope with new problem as Jones goes to dentist. Buford's foot heals. Buford breaks leg. Many Maroons visit Harpeth Hall after exams. Several seniors reported disturbing classes and smoking cigars. Chaffin burns fingers. Lane expresses desire for cashmere pool table cloth for birthday. Temple quits school for "ring career." Crockett also starts "ring career." Regan thrills thousands with his new book "Tales Of Regan."

Word comes to the author that Jimmy Dale is looking for a new wife. Any girls interested please see author. Mr. and Mrs. Lane give surprise party for Merritt. Will give all future parties from city jail after being arrested for disturbing the peace. Williams reportedly involved in "million dollar deal" with Zager's Delicatessen. Zager's holds special pickle sale. Regan writes follow-up on his last book. New book is titled "More Tales Of Regan." Leaders of Cradle Roll report steady increase in membership. Bright may be seen wearing his new Cradle Roll pin. Duncan reports his new Chrysler will run faster than sound. Brown swept off his feet by terrific Gail.

Editor's note: Anything about anybody in above senior news is the exact truth and should be regarded with seriousness.

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Bottom of the Afternoon



By Blue La Rue

It's a bird! It's a plane! No! It's "The Wasp" . . . Students flock to Harpeth Hall during exam week . . . Some seniors take up new habit as Robt. Burns runs into the millions . . . interesting talk heard on state history . . . Gropp attacked on football field . . . Hart seen in Woodmont Estates . . . Cummins is on the prowl (he's a sneaker) . . . Thorpe consults "Zodiac" for what to do (he's a C-man) . . . "Bulldog Ned" staged last minute comeback in bout with "Dirty Dan McDougall" . . . "Hank" Kennedy retires after successful singing career . . . Sanders to join the national guard . . . Duke Kennedy seen at Y.M.C.A. lifting barbell (that's Maybell's sister) . . . "Hog Head" Richardson gets semi-annual haircut . . . Girls acquire new nickname for Roberts . . . "Preacher" . . . Mrs. B. wears black dress, seniors flunk test . . . Boys unanimously decide they like girls' can-can better . . . Exams are over, holidays are here again . . . B. Paget sparks Hi-Y team against Howard but no victory . . . Hear Morehead is getting pretty good at pushups . . . Riot breaks and in "jail on the hill" as warden and guards are locked up . . . Thorpe's teeth heard chattering as Dale walks by . . . Maroon Club making quite a hit with the boys . . . Mrs. Souby happy to hear M.B.A. exams are over . . . Dr. Sager can't understand why students were found in Harpeth Hall locker rooms . . . Moon denies he was pitching pennies to girl cheerleaders at basketball game . . . "Greasy" Jack seen taking Huddleston home . . . Regen seen buying shoes at Nashville Bridge Co. . . . Boys are planning big Easter holidays . . . Grimy buys keg at local tavern, exclaims, "I'm going over the falls in it" ? ? ? See you next issue.

"Crash" Bennett and
"Toots" Reuther

"Massey's"
PRESCRIPTIONS
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NORTH EDGES M.B.A.

North High's Yanks squeezed by a fighting M.B.A. club, 60-59 in the Maroons' gym. The game was close nearly all the way as the Yanks led by only 6 points at the half after leading by 10 at one point in the second quarter. The halftime score was North 30-M.B.A. 24. The third period was the one in which the Maroons made their bid for victory by outscoring the Yanks 15-8 in that quarter. At the end of this period it was 39-38 in favor of the maroons. Big Carlin Rolfe fouled out with only a minute gone in the last quarter, to lessen Maroon hopes; but sub Dick Anderson came through with an 8 point splurge in this period to help greatly. John Thorpe hit a free throw to tie the game with 7 seconds to go. The gym was chaos, with people shouting and the North band playing, in the 3 minute overtime period. M.B.A. hit 2 field goals to North's one in the overtime but The Yanks hit 4 free throws to 1 to take the game. For the Maroons no one was the individual star as they sported a well balanced attack. The scoring is as follows:

Dale	10
Thorpe	13
Temple	6
Rolfe	10
Chalfant	11
Subs:	
Anderson	8
Goar	1
Total	59

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MAROONS THUMP T.I.S.

In a one-sided contest from the start, a highly improved Big Red team outfought the T.I.S. Broncos to the tune of 50-34. The outcome was never in doubt as all the Maroons turned up with a fine ball game. At the half the score was 26-11 and subs played freely in the third and fourth quarters. Big Carlin Rolfe was the individual star as he scored 15 points and cleaned everything but the paint off the backboards. Jimmy Dale played another fine game to make it two for the week and was marked on the All-City checklist for the second time this year. After this game the Maroons have a 6-3 record in the 18th district to hold down a 4th spot.

Sayings From Poor Richard's Almanac

1. A small leak will sink a great ship.
2. One today is worth two tomorrows.
3. He that composes himself is wiser than he that composes books.
4. If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
5. A truly great man will neither trample on a worm nor sneak to an emperor.
6. The sleeping fox catches no poultry.

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MAROONS BOW TO B.G.A.

M.B.A.'s Maroons dropped a close game to the B.G.A. Wildcats in the Wildcats gym 51-45. From the outset one could tell the Wildcats were out for blood due to a previous drubbing at the hands of the Maroons. At once B.G.A. started for a victory. It was slow ball game as the Big Red could not get rolling. The Maroons got just as many good shots but could not seem to find the basket. At the halfway mark it was a tie ball game at 21-21. The Maroons took the lead right away after the half and held it for the third quarter but the Wildcats came fighting back to take the advantage. It was tied up with four minutes to go and stayed that way for the next two minutes. When the Maroons kept losing the ball in the last two minutes, B.G.A. took advantage of it and went on to win by five points 51-45. Palmer Temple led the Big Red attack with 12 points.

WEST TIPS M.B.A.

In a terrific game on the Maroons court M.B.A.'s Maroons fell just shy of victory to the West High Blue Jays 64-59. At the beginning the Maroons jumped to a 9-3 lead to take a quick advantage but led only 12-11 at the quarter. From this point on it was a close game with a one man show. Jimmy French of West hitting 30 foot set shots consistently. The Big Red trailed by a score of 30-25 at the half. West held a 5 point lead nearly all the way through the third quarter as the teams played even ball. In the last period the Maroons pulled close but could not catch the Blue Jays and the Westerners won by five points 64-59. Jimmy French hit 27 for West while Jimmy Dale, M.B.A.'s fine guard, led his team with 19. All of the Maroons turned in a good performance. The scoring is as follows:

Dale	19
Thorpe	13
Rolfe	10
Temple	7
Chalfant	7
Calton	3
Total	59

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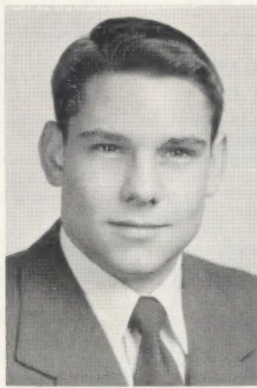
Bill Brown

One of our most liked seniors with a smile on his face which is usually hiding a blush is Bill Brown. Bill is truly an all-around boy. He was unable to play football this year but he helped coach the smaller teams and we are proud of him. Brown came from Shwab School to M.B.A. in his freshman year—at which time he was an Alpha Chi pledge.

Bill's sophomore year was spent playing Varsity football as well as "B" team basketball. For three years Bill has been on the Student Council and holds the office of president now. Another office he was elected to this year is secretary of the A.X. fraternity.

Bill Brown works on the annual staff and football is still his favorite sport, although he played baseball and basketball as well as football. Bill will attend either Vandy or Georgia Tech next year.

Likes—Physics Dislikes—French



Jack Bouchard

I would like to tell you a little of the past, present, and future of Jack Bouchard. He came to us from Burton School, which he attended for eight years. Jack entered M.B.A. his freshman year at which time he was a Delta Sigma pledge. After a short time he was elected Secretary-treasurer of his class. On the athletic field Bouchard played J. V. football his freshman year and varsity football for the following 3 years.

An outstanding achievement of Jack's was becoming an Eagle Scout his freshman year. It took him a year and half to do the job.

Bouchard is a sentinel for the Delta Sigs and is doing a fine job there as well as at school. Jack plans on attending Vanderbilt next year.

Likes—Physics Dislikes—English

"Girl of the Month" THE BOOK CORNER



Anne Kirkpatrick

In an effort to gain more interest in our paper, the members of the paper staff voted to have a "Girl of the Month" in each issue.

The girl, selected by a unanimous vote of the staff, is Miss Anne Kirkpatrick. Anne is a junior at Harpeth Hall where she has held an office for her three years. As a member of the Kappa Delta Theta sorority, she has been one of the most active of the group. Besides being a leader in her school and sorority, she is also interested in the young peoples' activities of Immanuel Baptist Church. Her popularity is derived not only from masculine attention but also from the admiration of her feminine friends.

We are sure you will agree with our choice and will keep an eye out for our future selections in coming editions.

Larry Thomas

Announcing the arrival of several new and good books into the old ever loving library is good news today. Among many of the new selections there is one that I think especially is very worthwhile to read, called **Effects**. This book is written by Rice and Harger. It tells about the true effects that tobacco, alcoholic drinks and narcotics have on the body.

Another good book for the football fans is **Line Smasher**, written by Dick Friedlich.

Get That Story written by John J. Floherty is a very interesting book on journalism.

Tennis Techniques Illustrated, written by Wynn Mace and Tyler Micalieu is a very good book on playing successful tennis.

Today's Science and You, by Lynn Poole is a very interesting book on the rocket that took a picture of the earth and the new modern x-ray camera and microscope.

Johnny Reb, written by Merritt P. Allen tells about the men who made up the cavalry. It also tells of their bravery through cold and hunger.

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